

Remarks

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. New claim 18 has been added. Claims 1-18 are pending.

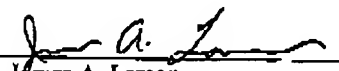
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect group I, claims 1-11 and 18, directed to the lamination mechanism, with traverse. Applicants do not wish to be bound by the Examiner's reasoning in requiring restriction. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that there is no undue burden on the Examiner in not requiring a restriction, as a proper search for group I would entail a search of the class and subclass in which group II is classified. Withdrawal of the restriction and examination of all claims is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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